

CLEAN VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

30. A method of acquiring data, comprising the steps of:

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- a) electro-optically reading a first coded symbol by a first portable reader operated by a user to produce first symbol data;
 - b) electro-optically reading a second coded symbol by a second reader to produce second symbol data;
 - c) transmitting the second symbol data over a wired connection to a host computer for processing the second symbol data;
 - d) transmitting the first symbol data over a wireless connection to the second reader for reception therein;
 - e) receiving the first symbol data over the wireless connection in the second reader; and
 - f) transmitting the first symbol data received in the second reader over said wired connection from the second reader to the host computer for processing the first symbol data.
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37. A system for acquiring data, comprising:

- B2
- a) a first portable reader operated by a user for electro-optically reading a first coded symbol to produce first symbol data;
 - b) a second reader for electro-optically reading a second coded symbol to produce second symbol data;
 - c) a host computer connected to the second reader by a wired connection for transmitting the second symbol data from the second reader to the host computer for processing;

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cont.

d) wireless transceivers respectively mounted in the first and second readers for establishing a wireless connection between the readers for transmitting the first symbol data from the first reader over the wireless connection to the second reader for reception therein; and

e) said wired connection being further operative for transmitting the first symbol data received in the second reader to the host computer for processing.
